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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Further to Appellant's letter to Chief Clerk of the Board of Patent Appeals dated December 23, 2008 and in accordance with the provisions of MPEP 1215.01, Appellant hereby withdraws the instant application from Appeal. To reopen prosecution, Appellant is hereby filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) accompanied by the following amendment and remarks, which are responsive to the final Office Action mailed November 2, 2005. Also filed on this date is a letter to Chief Clerk of the Board of Patent Appeals, advising the Board of Patent Appeals that an RCE has now been filed.

Please charge the RCE fee of \$810.00 to deposit account number 50-1047. If there are any other fees due and owing in respect to this amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge such fees to deposit account number 50-1047.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8.